

EUNICE COBB.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 449.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Eunice Cobb, widow of Surranus Cobb, made the following report :*

From the petition and evidence in this case, it appears that Surranus Cobb, late of Essex county, New York, was a private in Captain Danforth's company, 30th regiment United States infantry, in the war of 1812; that he enlisted for one year on the 20th of April, 1813, and served until the 23d of May, 1814, when he was honorably discharged. It also appears that in the month of March, 1814, while on a march from Windmill Point, on Lake Champlain, to the town of Champlain, he fell on the ice, which was covered with water, and, in consequence of said fall, was injured in one of his testicles, which terminated in hydrocele; and by exposure to cold, and fatigue of the march on the ice and at Windmill Point, and getting wet, one of his eyes became affected "with ophthalmia, resulting in opacity in the crystalline lens." His fall on the ice produced a partial paralysis of his lower limbs and a rupture in his groin. He was placed on the roll of invalid pensioners of the United States at four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, 1846, and received a pension at that rate to the time of his death. From the evidence adduced it satisfactorily appears that ever since he left the army he has suffered from deafness, rheumatism, pains in his limbs, and a rupture of his groin; and that such disability, particularly the rupture, or hydrocele, was the cause of his death, which took place at Lewis, New York, on the 15th day of October, 1857. It also appears that he was totally disabled for many years previous to that time. From the testimony of Jacob Sergeant, Alanson Wilder, William Cobb, and Orrin Smith, the latter a regular practising physician and surgeon, the committee are satisfied that the death of said Surranus Cobb was caused by the injuries he received while in the line of his duty in the service of the United States. He left a widow him surviving, now seventy-six years of age. Your committee think that she is entitled to relief, and therefore report a bill allowing her a pension of four dollars per month from the 15th day of October, 1857, (date of her husband's death,) for and during her natural life, and recommend its passage.

